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# H. RES. 234

Congratulating the City of Gonzales, California, on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and recognizing the contribution of the city's residents to the Nation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

Mr. FARR of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the City of Gonzales, California, on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and recognizing the contribution of the city's residents to the Nation.

Whereas in 1872 the Southern Pacific Railroad laid tracks through what is now Gonzales, California;

Whereas soon after the tracks were laid the railroad erected a depot at the present location of Gonzales to allow trains to stop for freight and passengers;

Whereas in 1874 a town of 50 blocks was laid out around the depot by Mariano and Alfredo Gonzales on land deeded from Mexico to their father;

Whereas by 1894 the population of the town had reached 500 residents;

Whereas in the 1890's Swiss immigrants established in the town what became a thriving dairy industry;

Whereas the process for producing condensed milk was discovered by a local resident;

Whereas the Alpine Condensary was established in the town at the turn of the century to produce the world's first condensed milk;

Whereas the town continued to grow after vegetable farming displaced the dairy industry in the 1920's as the region's most important industry;

Whereas the City of Gonzales was incorporated on January 14, 1947;

Whereas the City of Gonzales has grown into an important economic center for the surrounding region, one of the richest and most fertile in the state of California; and

Whereas, despite its growth, the City of Gonzales has maintained its small town charm: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates the city of Gonzales, California,  
3       on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation,  
4       and on its growth into a major economic center  
5       which has maintained its small town charm; and

6               (2) recognizes the contribution that the residents of  
7       Gonzales have made to the development and  
8       improvement of the Nation.

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